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*Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Most of the Backward community students could not get residential scholarships as there was not sufficient provision for the same in the Budget. Will the Government consider the desirability of increasing the provision under this head? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir."

Sri **A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR** :—" சட்டக் கல்லூரியில் படிக்கும் பிற்பட்ட இன மாணவர்களுக்கு ரெசிடென்ஷியல் ஸ்காலர்ஷிப் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை என்பதை மந்திரி அவர்கள் அறிவார்களா ? அதை நிவர்த்திக்க மந்திரியார் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பாரா ? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We shall consider the suggestion, Sir."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" The Hon. Minister referred to the fact that no residential scholarship was given to the students. May I know the reason why no residential scholarship was given to the Backward community students? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Members of the Backward Communities Board suggested that they would prefer the grant of residential scholarships to the students in colleges rather than in schools. But in view of what Mr. Aranganathan has now told us, we will consider his suggestion."

Income and expenditure in the Forest department.

* 637 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the income and expenditure during 1952–53 in the Forest department in all the districts except South Arcot district in the present Madras State?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The district-wise figures of income and expenditure in the Forest Department are not available as the Forest Divisions are not confined to Revenue districts. A statement[a] showing the income and expenditure during 1952–53 for each forest division is placed on the table."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Do these receipts include fines collected departmentally for violation of forest laws? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

Reservation of higher posts for Sanitary Inspectors.

* 638 *Q.*—Sri S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state what percentage of the higher posts is reserved for Sanitary Inspectors?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Nil, Sir."

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Sri S. Ramalingam :—" Almost all the sanitary inspectors' salaries have been scaled after a certain level even though their family expenditure is increasing year after year? Will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of giving them some promotion after they have put in some years of service?"

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" They can apply for recruitment as health inspectors, Sir."

Construction of roads in Erode taluk under the Five-Year Plan.

* 639 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the number of country roads to be constructed in Erode taluk under the Five-Year Plan?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" The number of village roads to be formed in Erode taluk under the Five-Year Plan is 12 and ten roads have already been formed. One road is being formed and the remaining one road is yet to be formed."

Sri N. K. PALANISAMI :—" கோயம்புத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் மூன்று வருஷங்களுக்கு முன்னால் 65 ரோடுகள் போடவேண்டுமென்று சர்க்காருக்கு சிபார்சு செய்யப்பட்டது. ஆனால் ' இதில் 10 ரோடுகள்தான் செய்வோம் ' என்று சர்க்கார் ஒப்புக்கொண்டார்கள். 10 ரோடுகள் எடுத்துக்கொண்ட பிறகு இதுவரை இரண்டு ரோடுகள்தான் போடப் பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஆகவே சர்க்கார் இந்த பாக்கி 63 ரோடுகளையும் போட முன் வருவார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" A separate question may be put, Sir. The main question relates to Erode taluk."

Admission to the Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

* 640 *Q.*—Sri M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received for admission to the Agricultural College at Coimbatore for 1952–53; and

(*b*) the number selected?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) 232.

" (*b*) 96."

Sri M. JAGANNATHAN :—" If the information is available with the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture, may I know the number of Harijan applicants who have been selected this year? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Selection for this year is yet to be made."

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know how many candidates from the Backward Classes applied and how many applications were rejected? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."